



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

52 Yarra Street
HEIDELBERG



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands, the Wurundjeri-Balluk clan of the Woi wurrung people in the Kulin Nation.
Central to the mission of St John's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe and supportive environment in which to flourish.

PARISH PRIEST Fr Vinh Nguyen

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday
9:30am to 2:30pm

PARISH SECRETARY: Mary Peeris

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MASS TIMES:

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday:
9:15am

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am & 5pm

ADORATION: After Friday morning
Mass with Benediction.

And Wednesday 7.30pm

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Friday 9.45am -10.15am (during
Adoration)

Sat 9:45 am & 5:30pm.—5.50p.m.

WEDDING, BAPTISM, FIRST

RECONCILIATION,

FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION:

Parish Secretary (9457 1066)

ST JOHN'S HALL HIRE:

Contact parish office.

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every
Wednesdays at 10.30am at parish
house in the Francis Xavier Room.

All Welcome. Fatima Statue
Enquires, Contact Sue 0449260206

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1ST / 2ND AUGUST, 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we the parishioners of St John's are grateful for all we have received from the men, women and children of our past. Help us to cherish and maintain our parish heritage. Most of all, enable us to be people who welcome the stranger, the needy, the sick and the lonely. Like St John, our patron saint, may we be people who love others, as your Son Jesus, asked us to do. We make this prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHAPE THE FUTURE: BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC THIS CENSUS

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

FOOD FOR ALL

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.

Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

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CHILD SAFETY: St John's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all our children, young people and vulnerable adults. Children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times in the church and when leaving the church for any reason.

ENTRANCE: BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou and thou only first in my heart
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great
glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18.

Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

R./

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

R./

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts

R./

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35. 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring

them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess you Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

COMMUNION: OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, Lord Help me to see your face
Open my eyes, Lord Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord Help me to hear your voice
Open my ears, Lord Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord Help me to love like you
Open my heart, Lord Help me to love.

I live within you Deep in your heart, oh, love
I live within you Rest now in me.

BREAD OF LIFE

Refrain

Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother;
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.

As we proclaim your death as we recall your life,
We remember your promise to return again.

Ref.

The bread we break and share was scattered once
as grain:

Just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

Ref.

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:
Sign of hope in our broken world, source of
lasting love.

Ref.

RECESSIONAL: LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU

Refrain

Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord.
Let all the peoples praise you:
Let all the peoples praise you.
O Lord, let all the peoples praise you.

Nations shall fear the name of the Lord,
And all the rulers of earth your glory
When the Lord shall build Sion again
Coming in glory. Alleluia

Ref.

1/2 AUGUST	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Vernon Curtis	Marguerite Ryan	Jacqueline Lewis	Leela Cherubim
Reader 2	Cassandra Abeynaike	Elizabeth Williamson	Margaret Andrews	
Communion	Donna Richardson	Bobbie Bartkus	Vin Sier	Olivia Musitano
			Liz Sier	
8/9 AUGUST	SAT 6.00PM	SUN 8:30AM	SUN 10:30AM	SUN 5PM
Reader 1	Peter Penson	Robyn Laurie	Sean Dunn	Christine Soosairaj
Reader 2	Paul Zebrowski	Cheryl Jayaweera	Kate Mathai	
Communion	Michelle Penson	Chris Ratnayake	Brian McIntosh	Sally Tramontana
			Mary Furlan	

MORNING TEA: 2nd August: Maria & Francoise

AVERAGE COLLECTIONS - JULY 2026

First Collection <i>(It is taken up after Homily)</i>			Second Collection <i>(taken up after Prayers of Faithful)</i>		
ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHEQUE- BSB 083-347 A/c 659225267			ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - BSB 083-347 A/c 658806318		
Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct	Envelopes	Loose Collection	Bank Direct
\$314.09	\$883.98	\$912.69	\$504.76	\$612.90	\$1,787.81

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK, 2 - 9 AUGUST 2026

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY MCKILLOP: This coming Saturday, August 8th, we celebrate the solemnity of St Mary McKillop, Australia's first saint. Mass at 9.15am. Before or after Mass you may like to visit our St Mary McKillop Chapel and light a candle for a loved one.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AUGUST 15TH
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Masses:

- Vigil Mass at 7pm Friday 14th August
- Morning 9:15am Saturday 15th August

MORNING TEA: This Sunday 2nd August following the 10.30am Mass, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL: The Appeal totaled \$914.20. Thank you for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP (THANKSGIVING) ENVELOPES: for next twelve months (September 2026 to August 2027) is ready to be picked up from the porch of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order of surname. *If you want to newly opt for thanksgiving through envelopes you are welcome to contact parish office.*

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR TAX RECEIPTS: are available upon request for Thanksgivings by Credit card and direct debit from the parish office. Please email on heidelberg@cam.org.au or call 94571066 / 70643906. Donations to the parish are not tax-deductible.

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP GATHERING: This Sunday 2nd August after the 5pm Mass in St John's Hall. All youth from Secondary school Year 9 to 30 years of age are warmly welcome.



RCIA & RCIC ENQUIRY FOR 2026/2027: RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or those wanting to become Catholics. If you would like to enquire about the RCIA programme, please see Father Vinh, or contact parish office

RCIC-Rite of Christian Initiation Children - Catholic parent/s wanting their child/ren **9 years old** and above to be baptized into the Catholic faith, please contact Father Vinh or parish office.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Eva Suante, Gabriel Aloise, Gloria Torres, Fr Michael Anghel, Sergio Furlan, Margaret Sinclair, Wendy Wales, Ross Pace.

ANNIVERSARY: Don Caldwell.

Please submit intentions for sick, recently deceased and anniversaries for the newsletter by Thursday morning latest. Thank you